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GLOSSARY OF EAST AND WEST GERMAN ABBREVIATIONS

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A GLOSSARY OF HUNDRED EAST AND WEST GERMAN ABBREVIATIONS FOUND FREQUENTLY IN GERMAN TEXT

(E): Eastern Germany/Russian Zone (W): Western Germany (NS): Now defunct Nazi organization

ADN	Allgemeine Deutsche Nachrichten Agentur	Official News Agency. (E)
BDE	Bund fuer Deutschlands Erneuerung	League for the Revival of Germany, (the Strasser organization) neo-nazi. (W)
BDO	Bund Deutscher Officiere	Association of German Officers (ultra conservative) existing only clandestinely. (W)
BGL	Betriebs Gewerkschafts Leitung	Sovzon equivalent of shop stewards, appointed by the Government party. (E)
BHE	Block der Heimatvertriebenen und Entrechteten	Political party of expellees and refugees (ascending). (W)
BL	Bezirksleitung	Regional Office of political parties.
BP	Bayern Partei	Bavarian Party, a rightist, separatist party represented in the Bavarian and Federal Legislature.
BVE	Block der Vaterlandischen Einigung	Bloc of Nationalistic Union, a combination of the NAVE and of the LDP. (E).
CDU	Christlich Demokratische Union	Christian Democratic Union, conservative party, Catholic dominated. (W)(E)
CSU	Christlich Socialistische Union	CDU counterpart in Bavaria. (W)
DAF	Deutsche Arbeitsfront	Nazi equivalent of Trade Unions. (NS)
DAG	Deutsche Angestellten Gewerkschaft	Trade Union of white collar workers. (W)
DBD	Demokratische Bauernpartei Deutschlands	Democratic Farmers Party. (E)
DGB	Deutscher Gewerkschafts Bund	German Trade Union Organization. (W)
DLP or DDFD	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	(Alternate abbreviations for LDP).

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BDB or DB	Der Deutsche Block	Affiliation of all recognized parties and mass organizations, in charge of nominating all elective officials. (E)
DDEB	Deutsch Demokratische Erneuerungs Bewegung	German Democratic Revival Movement. (E)
DDR	Deutsch Demokratische Republik	German Democratic Republic. (E)
DEFA	Deutsche Film A.G.	German Film Monopoly, an S.A.G. (E)
DENA	Deutsche Nachrichten Agentur	German News Agency. (E)
DFD	Demokratischer Frauenbund Deutschlands	Democratic German Womens League, a mass organization. (E)
DG	Deutsche Gemeinschaft	German Alliance, a rightist political party, usually affiliated with the BHE. (W)
DHZ	Deutsche Handelszentrale	Central German Trade Agency, Sovzone Government Agency for socialized trade & commerce. (E)
DJB	Deutsche Jugend Bewegung	German Youth Movement.
DKP	Deutsche Konservative Partei	German Conservative Party. Obscure. (W)
DP	Deutsche Partei	German Party, a small conservative party, member of the first coalition Govt. (W)
DPA	Deutsche Presse Agentur	German Press Agency. (W)
DRP	Deutsche Rechts Partei	German Rightist Party (obscure, W).
DU	Deutsche Union	German Union, An association of German rightists striving to be the power behind the throne, not a political party. (W)

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DVdI	Deutsche Verwaltung des Inneren	German Administration of the Interior, Sovzon Interior Administration. (E)
DWK	Deutsche Wirtschafts Kommission	German Economic Commission. An agency supervising economic matters. (E)
EKD	Evangelische Kirche Deutschlands	German Protestant Church, still organized across zonal borders.
FDGB	Freier Deutscher Gewerkschafts Bund	Sovzone Trade Unions, a recognized mass organization. (E)
FDJ	Freie Deutsche Jugend	Free German Youth, a recognized mass organization. (E)
FDP	Freie Demokratische Partei	Free Democratic Party. A Rightist, free economy, protestant dominated party. (W)
GfdsF	Gesellschaft fuer Deutsch-Sovietische Freundschaft	Society for German-Soviet Friendship also known as
GzSdSK	Gesellschaft zum Studium der Soviet Kultur	Society for the Study of Soviet culture or simply Kultur Bund. (E)
HJ	Hitler Jugend	Hitler Youth. (NS)
HN	Handels Niederlassung	Commercial office, a local representative office of the DHZ. (E)
HO	Handels Organization	Trade Organization, the "free" stores where all items are unrationed. (E)
HPS	Höhere Polizei Schule	Higher Police School. (E)
HV	Hauptverwaltung	Main Administrative Division.
HVdVP	Hauptverwaltung der Volkspolizei	Zonal Police Headquarters. (E)
HVA	Hauptverwaltung fur Ausbildung	Office of the Chief of Ground Forces in the para-military police. (E) (See DVA)

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HVL	Hauptverwaltung fuer Luftpolizei	Office of the Chief of Air Forces in the para-military police. (E) (See HVL)
HVS	Hauptverwaltung fuer Seepolizei	Office of the Chief of Naval Forces in the para-military police. (E) (See HVS)
IG	Industrie Gewerkschaft	Industrial Union, a subsection of the FDGB for a specific industry.(E)
IK	Industrie Kommission	Industrial Commission. (E)
JP	Junge Pioniere	Young Pioneers (Engineers) a para-military Youth organization. (E)
KDED	Kulturbund zur Demokratischen Erneuerung	Cultural League for the democratic revival of Germany. (E)
KPD	Kommunistische Partei Deutschland	Communist Party of Germany. (W)
KPO	Kommunistische Parteiopposition	Opposition Communist Party of Germany. (W)
KV	Kreisvorstand	Kreis Executive Committee.
KWU	Kommunal Wirtschafts Unternehmen	Community economic enterprise. (E)
KZ	Konzentrations Lager	Concentration Camp. (NS & E)
LBdVP	Landesbehoerde der Volkspolizei	The Land Police Headquarters. (E)
LDP	Liberale Demokratische Partei	Liberal Democratic Party. Originally equivalent of the FDP, now disassociated & completely Soviet dominated. (E)
LO	Landesorganization	Land Organization. Generally used in party organization terms.
LV	Landesvorstand	Land Executive Committee.
MAS	Maschinen Ausleihstation	Machine Lending Station. Cooperative for agricultural machinery. (E)
MB	Mitglied des Bundestag	Member of the Bundestag, Parliament. (W)

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MVD	( )	USSR Ministry of Internal Security. Soviet Secret Police operating also in occupied territories, satelite states and embassies.
NG	Notgemeindschaft	Emergency Association, forerunner o the NDP in the U.S. Zone. (W)
NDP	National-Demokratische Partei	National Democratic Party. Presumably a conservative party. (E)
NDPD	National-Demokratische Partei Deutschlands	National Democratic Party of Germany, alternate for NDP. (E)
NDRP	National-Demokratische Reichs Partei	National Democratic Empire Party. (W) rightist obscure.
NF	Nationale Front	German CP Front Organization.
NKFD	National Komitee Freies Deutschland	National Committee for a Free Germany. The anti-Nazi movement started by General Paulus among the prisoners of Stalingrad. (E)
NRW	Nord Rhein/Westfalen	North Rhine-Westphalia; one of the eleven Laender of West Germany.
OK	Oberkommando	Supreme Headquarters.
OKH	Oberkommando des Heeres	Office of the Chief of Ground Forces.
OKL	Oberkommando der Luftwaffe	Office of the Chief of Air Forces.
OKM	Oberkommando der Marine	Office of the Chief of Naval Forces.
OKW	Oberkommando der Wehrmacht	Office of the Chief of Defense Forces.
PKK	Parteikontrollkommission	Party Control Commission. Party administrative organization. (E)
Pg (Gen)	Parteigenosse	Nazi Party Member. (NS)
PK	Politkultur	Political Culture (Adv. Committee). Political commissar in Sovzone organization. (E)
PPA	Personal-politische Abt.	Personnel Department. (E)

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PV	Parteivorstand	Party Executive Committee.
OdF	Opfer des Faschismus	Victims of Fascism.
SAG	Staatliche Aktien Gesellschaft formerly Soviet Aktien Gesellschaft	State (formerly Soviet owned)corporation. (E) Actually the owning state is the USSR not the DDR.
SAP	Sozialistische Arbeiterpartei	Socialist Workers' Party. (W, obscure).
SDA	Sozialdemokratische Aktion	Social Democratic Action (CP front organization of ex-SPD members expelled for SED/KPD affiliations.)
SED	Sozialische Einheits Partei	Socialist Unity Party, Soviet sponsored "majority" party in the Sovzon, originally a combination of the SPD and KPD. (E)
SMA or SMAD		Soviet Military Administration in the Sovzone. (E).
SKK	Soviet Kontroll Kommission	Soviet Control Commission, a subsidiary of SMA supervising the execution of SMA policies.
SNB	Soviet Nachrichten Büro	Soviet News Agency. (E)
SPD	Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands	Social Democratic Party of Germany. Major party. (W).
SSW	Südschleswiger Wähler verband	Southslesvig Voters Association. A small party in Slesvig-Holstein, Brit. Zone. (W)
SRP	Sozialistische Reichs Partei	Socialistic Empire Party. (W) rightist, obscure.
SzT	Samlung zur Tat	Rally to Action. Forerunner of the BHE in the French Zone.
TFD	Tatgemeinschaft Freier Deutscher	Association of Free Germans for Action. A political party. (W. obscure).
UGO	Unabhaengige Gewerkschaftsopposition	Independent Trade Union Trade Union Organization (Heading in East Berlin).
UKPD	Unabhaengige Kommunistische Partei Deutschlands	Independent Communist Party of Germany. (W. obscure).

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USPD	Unabhaengige Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands	Independent Social Democratic Party of Germany. (Obscure extreme leftwing).
VdgB	Vereingung der Gegenseitigen Bauernhilfe	Farmer's Mutual Aid Association. Soviet sponsored Farmers' Organization. A recognized mass organization. (E)
VEB	Volkseigener Betrieb	People's Owned Plant. (E)
VKP	Vereinigung Kommunischer Parteien	All Union Communist Party (Bolshevik).
VP	Volkspolizei	People's Police. (Para military police.)(E).
VVEAB	Vereinigung Volkseigeneranschaffungs-betriebe (?)	Union of People's Owned Procuring and Purchasing Firms. (E)
VVN	Vereinigung der Verfolgten des Naziregines	Association of Victims of the Nazi Regime; often used as Communist front.
VPP	Volkspolizei Praesidium	Hq. of People's Police.
WAV	Wirtschaftliche Aufbau Vereinigung	Economic Reconstruction Party. Small Party in Bavaria. (W)
W/SS	Waffen SS	Hitler's Elite Corps - a political branch of the Armed Forces. (NS)
WFDY	(English)	World Federation of Democratic Youth.
ZDHAA	Zentral Diensthunde Abrichtungs Anstalt	Central Dog Training School. (E)
ZKK	Zentral - Kontroll Kommission	Central Control Commission. (E)
TAN	Technische Arbeits Normen (Büro/Auschuss)	Offices establishing technical achievment norms usually also influencing administrative policies from a political viewpoint.

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